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FLAT SHEET MATERIALS

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing with the above-identified application before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits are the following:

1. PTO-1449A; and
2. U.S. patents listed thereon.

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